length of the pipeline and the approximate cost of the pipeline; and

(c) what happened to the proposal of opening a refinery of petroleum and it products at Paradip Port in Orissa which will be a port based one and the cost will much more less than any other place in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to set up a 6 MTPA refinery at Karnal in the joint sector, with the Indian Oil Corporation as the public sector promoter.

(b) Crude oil required for this refinery will be supplied through a 315 Km branch line from Chaksu, on the existing Salaya-Mathura pipeline. This branch line is estimated to cost approximately Rs. 150 crores.

(c) There was no proposal to set up an oil refinery at Paradip Port. The refinery at Karnal is proposed mainly to meet the demand of petroleum products in the North-Western region of the country.

Schemes for setting up gas-based power plants

92. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up any schemes for exploiting natural gas for the purpose of setting up gas based power plants;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes and the quantity of energy likely to be made available as a result of the above schemes; and

(c) whether such schemes have also been drawn for the States of Madya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Commitments have been made for supply of gas for the new Central Power Projects at Kathalguri in Assam (280 MW), Anta in Rajasthan (430 MW) and Auraiya in Uttar Pradesh (600 MW). The Central Power Project at Kawas in Gujarat (600 MW) would receive gas on fall back basis. Gas has also been committed for 15 MW new capacity in Tripura. There is no scheme, presently under consideration, to set up a gas-based power station in Madhya Pradesh.

Liberalisation of import of technology and investment from NRIs for industrial capabilities

93. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced measures for liberalisation of import of technology and investment from Non-resident Indians to develop India's Industrial capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any foreign companies have shown interst after the announcement by Government of the above measures and if so, what are the complete details thereof?